

PROJECT NAME:	Gold Hill Exploration
DATE:	May 26, 2020
DISTRICT:	Nez Perce-Clearwater NF, Red River

CONSIDERATION OF EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES

EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES	PRESENT? (YES/NO)	MAJOR EFFECT? (YES/NO)	INFORMATION OR MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENT
A1. Threatened , endangered, & sensitive species or their habitats - WILDLIFE	Yes	No	Retention of trees with large stick nests and obvious cavities. Retain snags (especially large snags) and coarse woody debris. Fence sump(s) until they are fully reclaimed to deter large and small animals from falling into, and becoming trapped in, sump(s).
A2. Threatened , endangered, & sensitive species or their habitats - FISHERIES			
A3. Threatened , endangered, & sensitive species or their habitats - PLANTS			
B. Floodplains, wetlands, or municipal watersheds			
C. Congressionally designated areas such as wilderness or National Recreation Areas			
D. Roadless areas			
E. Research Natural Areas			
F. Native American religious or cultural sites, archeological sites, or historic properties or areas			

Projects in Roadless Areas

Project impacts on roadless characteristics as defined in 36 CFR 294(B)11 & (C)21

Roadless Characteristics	Present? (YES/NO)	INFORMATION OR MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENT
1. High quality or undisturbed soil, water and air.		
2. Sources of public drinking water		
3. Diversity of plant and animal communities	N/A	Project Not in Roadless Area(s)
4. Habitat for threatened, endangered, proposed, candidate and sensitive species and for those species dependant on large undisturbed areas or land	N/A	Project Not in Roadless Area(s)
5. Primitive, semi-private nonmotorized and semi-primitive motorized classes of dispersed recreation		
6. Reference landscapes		
7. Natural appearing landscapes with high scenic quality		
8. Traditional cultural properties and sacred sites		
9. Other locally identified unique characteristics		

Projects involving Road Construction, Reconstruction, Temporary Roads, and/or Haul Routes

ACCESS CONSIDERATIONS	YES/NO	MITIGATION MEASURE/COMMENTS/INFO
1. Will road construction or reconstruction be required? Type of road and length.		

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2. Will temporary roads be needed?	Yes	An unknown amount of trail re-construction will be necessary. Mitigation: Fully decommission trail to deter ATV/vehicle access and development of user defined road/trail.
3. Will road maintenance be needed? Who will perform?		
4. Is the area in a travel plan closure area? Year round or seasonal? Hunting season restrictions?	No	
5. Are haul roads part of an established snowmobile network?		
6. Are there public safety concerns for roads, trails, or other road improvements?		
7. Are there other improvements which will require protection?		
8. Will the project impact winter range?	No	
9. Will the project impact critical elk summer range or cause elk summer habitat effectiveness to be below FP standards?	Yes	Project falls within the McGuire Creek Elk Analysis Area (50% EHE Objective) and currently appears to be above objectives. Trail re-construction will have a minimal, though still negative, effect on EHE but will not cause EHE to drop below objectives.
10. Will the project impact elk security?	Yes	Trail re- construction will have a minimal, but still negative, effect security but only until the road is decommissioned (~2 years).

Projects involving Vegetation/Fuels Treatment

RESOURCE CONSIDERATION	YES/NO	MITIGATION/EXPLANATION
1. Will post-treatment stands meet R1 down woody debris requirements?	N/A	No Vegetation/Fuels Treatments Proposed
2. Will post-treatment stands meet snag and replacement snag guidelines?	N/A	No Vegetation/Fuels Treatments Proposed

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3. Are activities proposed in PACFISH/INFISH RHCA or wetland?		
4. Is the area in a PACFISH/INFISH priority watershed? Is the stream fish bearing?		
5. Are there soil compaction concerns? i.e. Does the proposal involve ground based heavy equipment?		
6. Is the area in an active grazing allotment? What type of livestock? How many?		
7. Does the area meet FP standards for elk habitat effectiveness?	N/A	No Vegetation/Fuels Treatments Proposed
8. Is the area in a visually sensitive area? Will mitigation measures be needed to reduce adverse visual effects?		
9. What other entities or agencies need to be contacted for coordination.		
10. Are there land line survey needs?		
11. What noxious weed control measures will be employed?		
12. Are activities proposed in old growth or replacement old growth?	N/A	No Vegetation/Fuels Treatments Proposed